

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An outlet box comprising:

A) a housing including:

- a) a first side positioned opposite from a second side, at least one of the first and second sides forming a base of the housing;
- b) a peripheral wall that extends between the first and second sides of the housing, the peripheral wall including:

- i) a first portion having a first outer face that extends between oppositely positioned first and second edges, the first and second edges being oriented to extend between the first and second sides of the housing, the first portion defining a connector access opening that is elongated and that extends longitudinally between the first and second edges of the first outer face;

- ii) a second portion having a second outer face separate from the first outer face, the second outer face being configured to curve continuously about a periphery of the housing from the first edge to the second edge; and

B) a connector holder connected to the housing and positioned adjacent to the connector access opening of the housing.

2. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, wherein the first side of the housing forms the base, and the second side of the housing is planar.

3. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, wherein the first side of the housing forms the base, and the peripheral wall and the second side of the housing are part of a cover that is removable from the base.

4. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, wherein the first outer face is planar.

5. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, wherein the housing includes a first mounting structure for mounting the connector holder directly adjacent to the connector access opening, and a second mounting structure for mounting the connector holder at a position that is recessed within the housing relative to the first mounting structure.
6. (Original) The outlet box of claim 5, wherein the connector holder defines an array of openings in which the connectors are mounted.
7. (Original) The outlet box of claim 6, wherein the first and second mounting structures include structure for providing a releasable connection with the connector holder.
8. (Original) The outlet box of claim 7, wherein the releasable connection comprises a snap-fit connection.
9. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, wherein the connector holder has a plurality of spaced-apart dividers defining separate mounting channels each having a closed end positioned opposite from an open end, the open ends being positioned at the second side of the housing and the closed ends being positioned at the first side of the housing, the open ends being configured for allowing the connectors to be mounted within the mounting channels by sliding the connectors through the open ends in a direction toward the first side of the housing.
10. (Original) The outlet box of claim 9, wherein the dividers have free ends located at the open ends of the channels, the free ends being received in a gap defined between two support members that project from the first side of the housing toward the second side of the housing.
11. (Original) The outlet box of claim 10, wherein the first side of the housing forms the base, and the peripheral wall and the second side of the housing are part of a cover that can be removed from the base to provide access to the open ends of the channels.
12. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, further comprising at least one raceway insertion location defined at the second portion of the peripheral wall.

13. (Original) The outlet box of claim 12, wherein the at least one raceway insertion location includes a plurality of raceway insertion locations that are spaced-apart along the second portion of the peripheral wall.

14. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, further comprising a cable management spool mounted partially within the housing and partially outside the housing.

15. (Original) The outlet box of claim 14, wherein the spool includes a plurality of axially spaced-apart channels for separating cables wrapped about the spool.

16. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, further comprising a spool and two spaced-apart, resilient cantilevers for securing the spool to the housing, each of the cantilevers having a free end adjacent to which a ramped locking shoulder is provided, the resilient cantilevers being sized and shaped to snap-fit within corresponding openings of the spool.

17. (Original) The outlet box of claim 16, wherein the spool is released from the cantilevers by flexing the cantilevers toward one another such that locking shoulders of the cantilevers can pass through the openings of the spool.

18. (Original) The outlet box of claim 1, wherein the base of the housing defines an opening and the outlet box further includes a cradle for holding at least one cable management spool, the cradle being connected to the housing and being configured to project outside the housing adjacent the opening in the base.

19. (Original) The outlet box of claim 18, wherein the at least one spool is mounted in the cradle, and the cradle is sized such that when the spool is mounted in the cradle, a portion of the spool is outside the housing and an portion of the spool extends into the housing through the opening in the base of the housing.

20. (Original) The outlet box of claim 19, wherein the spool is removable from the cradle.

21. (Original) The outlet box of claim 19, wherein the cradle includes a first portion that seats on the base, and a second portion that extends through the opening.

22. (Original) An outlet box comprising:

A) a housing including:

a) a first side positioned opposite from a second side, at least one of the first and second sides forming a base of the housing;

b) a peripheral wall that extends between the first and second sides of the housing, the peripheral wall including:

i) a first portion having a first outer face that extends between oppositely positioned first and second edges, the first and second edges being oriented to extend between the first and second sides of the housing, the first portion defining a connector access opening that is elongated and that extends longitudinally between the first and second edges of the first outer face;

ii) a second portion having a second outer face separate from the first outer face, the second outer face being configured to extend about a periphery of the housing from the first edge to the second edge;

B) a connector holder connected to the housing and positioned adjacent to the connector access opening of the housing; and

C) at least four break-outs provided on the second portion of the peripheral wall, the break-outs being adapted to form openings in the peripheral wall that face outward from the housing in at least four different directions.

23. (Currently Amended) An outlet box comprising:

A) a connector holder for holding a plurality of telecommunications connectors;

B) a housing defining an elongated connector access opening, the housing also including a base that defines a first elongated mounting opening positioned adjacent to the connector access opening, the first mounting opening extending completely through the base, and the connector access opening and the mounting first mounting opening being elongated in the same

direction, and the connector access opening and the base being positioned perpendicularly relative to each other; and

C) the connector holder including an elongated base sized and shaped to complement the first mounting opening, wherein the elongated base of the connector holder fits within the first mounting opening to mount the connector holder to the housing.

24. (Original) The outlet box of claim 23, wherein the base of the connector holder snap-fits within the first mounting opening.

25. (Currently Amended) The outlet box of claim 23, further comprising holder mounts that define mounting channels positioned on opposite ends of the first mounting opening, the holder mounts projecting outward from the base of the housing and including locking shoulders positioned within the mounting channels, the connector holder including oppositely positioned, resilient locking members that fit within the channels and interlock with the locking shoulders positioned within the channels.

26. (Original) The outlet box of claim 23, wherein the connector holder includes a connector holding portion that projects outward from the base of the connector holder and defines a plurality of connector openings sized for receiving the telecommunications connectors.

27. (Currently Amended) The outlet box of claim 26, wherein the connector holding portion includes a plurality of parallel dividers that project outward from the base of the connector holder, and the connector openings comprise open ended channels.

28. (Original) The outlet box of claim 26, wherein the connector holder portion includes a faceplate that defines the connector openings.

29. (Original) The outlet box of claim 28, wherein the connector openings are rectangular.

30. (Original) The outlet box of claim 23, wherein the base of the housing defines a second elongated mounting opening that is recessed within the housing relative to the first elongated

mounting opening, the second elongated mounting opening being sized to complement the base of the connector holder.

31. (Original) The outlet box of claim 30, further comprising a blank strip sized to complement the shape of the first and second elongated mounting openings, wherein when the connector holder is mounted at one of the first and second mounting openings, the blank strip is mounted at the other of the first and second mounting openings.

32. (Original) An outlet box comprising:

- A) a connector holder for holding a plurality of telecommunications connectors;
- B) a housing defining a connector access opening;
- C) means for mounting the connector holder at a first location in the housing that is adjacent to the connector access opening; and
- D) means for mounting the connector holder at a second location that is recessed within the housing relative to the first location, wherein a user can mount the connector holder at either one of the first and second locations.

33. (Original) A method for assembling an outlet box including a housing defining connector access opening, the housing also including a first connector mounting location positioned adjacent the connector access opening and a second connector mounting location recessed within the housing relative to the first connector mounting location, the method comprising:

providing a connector holder adapted for holding a plurality of telecommunications connectors;

selecting one of the first and second connector mounting locations; and
mounting the connector holder at the selected one of the first and second connector mounting locations.

34. (Original) An outlet box comprising:

- A) a connector holder for holding a plurality of telecommunications connectors;
- B) a housing defining a connector access opening;

- C) a first connector holder mount positioned at a first location that is adjacent to the connector access opening; and
- D) a second connector holder mount positioned at a second location that is recessed within the housing relative to the first location, wherein a user can mount the connector holder at either one of the first and second locations.